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CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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| Group Art Unit | 1722 | |
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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| 2. Miscellaneous a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not extend to the petition for Extension under Rule of the RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 where a. X The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following Deposit Account No 03-3415 i. X RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) ii. Check in the amount of \$ 690.00 enclose c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) | ceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required) 136(a) and Fee In the RCE is filed. fees, or credit any overpayments, to 06/20/2000 HHICHAEL 00000074 08941605 01 FC:179 690.00 0 | |
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